

State of California
Department of Parks and Recreation

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
Russian River District
25381 Steelhead Blvd, P.O. Box 123
Duncans Mills, CA 95430

PROJECT TITLE: Issue a Right of Entry and Easement to Sonoma County Regional Parks

LOCATION: Sonoma Coast State Park **COUNTY:** Sonoma

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Issue a Right of Entry (ROE) to Sonoma County Regional Parks and their contractors to construct and maintain a public pedestrian and bicycle path on the Coastal Prairie Trail in Sonoma Coast State Park, and a permanent easement to allow Sonoma County Regional Parks and to maintain work completed at Sonoma Coast State Park. Sonoma County Regional Parks will notify the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) at least one week prior to performing work, including routine maintenance within the easement boundaries. Advance notice is not required when responding to an emergency. However, DPR will be notified as soon as feasible after Sonoma County Regional Parks personnel arrive at the site. All work constructed within the boundaries of this easement, including routine maintenance, will comply with all State and Federal environmental laws including but not limited to the Endangered Species Act, California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and Section 5024 of the Public Resources Code. If potentially significant resources are unearthed, work in the immediate area of the find will be temporarily halted or diverted until the project manager consults with a DPR archaeologist and identification of, and proper treatment are determined and implemented. All finds become the property of DPR. Ownership of any Native American artifacts will be determined on a case-by-case basis, in consultation with the appropriate tribal representatives(s) and/or the Native American Heritage Commission. This easement will provide legal access and use of this property to Sonoma County Regional Parks, while protecting natural resources. The proposed easement is 20 feet wide and runs for approximately 3450 linear feet, and includes a bridge and portion of the parking area at Keefe Avenue. Total easement area is approximately 73,348 sq. ft. (1.68 acres).

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT: California Department of Parks and Recreation

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Russian River District

EXEMPT STATUS:

☒ Categorical Exemption

Class: 5

Section: 15305

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: Project consists of minor alterations in land which do not result in any changes in land use or density, and is included as "issuance of easements and permits" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities in accordance with CCR 15300.4.

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